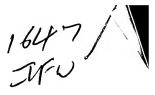
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 23, 2004 please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on September 23, 2004. Enclosed are a Request for Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraphs in the specification shown below are amended to indicate changes made. Amendments to the following are indicated by underlining what has been added and striking-through what has been deleted.